of Cauvery waters for power generation and irrigation and as such these schemes are linked up with the general issue of sharing of Cauvery Waters. The Pandiar Punnapuzha Tailrace Scheme would utilise the tailrace releases of Pandian Punnapuzha Hydroelectric Scheme of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu has yet to take a final decision on the implementation of Pandiar Punnpuzha Scheme located in upper reaches.

Statement

Sl No.	Scheme	Inst. Cap. MW	Date of submission of report to CEA	Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)
1	Pandiar Punnapuzha	2 × 30	December, 1972	21 95
2	Kuttiadi Augumentation	..	December, 1976	13 05
3	Manantawady Multipurpose Project	4×60	May, 1980	69 12 (Power component)

Setting up of Super Thermal Power Station at Talcher

1358. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by National Thermal Power Corporation to set up a Super Thermal Power Station at Talcher (Orissa); and

(b) the time by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation has submitted a feasibility report in June, 1984 for installation of 2x500 MW capacity in first stage of Talcher Super Thermal Power Station in Orissa.

(b) An investment decision can be taken after the project has been techno-economically appraised by Central Electricity Authority and necessary inputs such as coal, finances, etc. have been tied-up. The first unit is expected to be commissioned five years after placement of orders for the main plant and equipment and the second unit one year later.

Casual Labourers in the Ministry of Energy

1359. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers in his Ministry and its Offices/Departments/Subordinate Offices/Attached offices who have been made regular during the last three years (office-wise and year-wise);

(b) the number of casual workers who have been working for more than two years and have not been made regular and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether his Ministry has formulated any time-bound pfogramme for making them regular; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.